



## Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

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### Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

#### Town Forest Committee

Date: 2016-08-02

Time: 6:00 PM

Building: Town Forest

Location: Town Forest

Address: Strout Avenue - North Gate

Purpose: Forest ecosystem health assessment, on-site

Meeting Called By: Rick Wetzler

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**All Meeting Postings must be submitted in typed format; handwritten notices will not be accepted.**

### Topics of Discussion:

NOTE: SITE VISIT TO BE HELD AT READING TOWN FOREST, TUESDAY, 8/2, 6PM, RAIN OR SHINE.

Meet at Strout Ave north gate (near old water filtration plant). Be prepared to hike for over 1 hr. Bring water, insect repellent. Recommended clothing: long-sleeved shirt, full length pants, suitable boots and, in the event of inclement weather, appropriate raingear.

We will be viewing numerous portions of Reading Town Forest (RTF) with Mr. Phil Benjamin, C.F., President, Benjamin Forestry Services, Inc.. As Forestry Consultant to the Town of Reading, Mr. Benjamin prepared the 2010 Forest Management Plan. Using this detailed inventory as a baseline, we will be revisiting sectors of greatest concern with respect to ecosystem health.

Discussion of the site visit will be scheduled for the Town Forest Committee's next monthly meeting in Town Hall in September (to be posted on the Town website). We will then address the consultant's observations and recommendations for best management practices for forest insect and disease incidence, fire risk, invasive species, wildlife conservation and biodiversity maintenance.

For further information, contact Rick Wetzler, Chair, Reading Town Forest Committee at [rewetzler@gmail.com](mailto:rewetzler@gmail.com).